

The proposal for de-regulation of ownership rules is a threat to free speech. Corporate interests already exert too much control over news, information, and government reporting.

To hand over more power by allowing media monopolies delivers a serious

blow to thinking Americans. When dealing in information, the free market model will only hinder non-mainstream speech and support the homogenizing effects of large mass media corporations advancing their business agenda. I urge you to stop this proposal and remember the importance of small, local radio, television, and newspaper, by, and for Americans in our own communities.